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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(29 June-10 July 1998)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTEENTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29 June 1998

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Note 1: At its nineteenth session, the Committee of Experts elected Mr. S. Benassai (Italy) and Mr. F. Wybenga (United States of America) respectively Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 1997-1998 biennium (ST/SG/AC.10/23, para. 166).

Note 2: A working group on the transport of low critical temperature gases in tanks will be convened in parallel on Monday 29 June in the afternoon after discussion of item 3(a) in plenary session. The working group will continue working in parallel during the first week as necessary and will report back to the Plenary.

Note 3: A working group on test 6 (c) will be convened on Monday 6 July in the afternoon and Tuesday 7 July.

Note 4: **For reasons of economy, delegations are invited to keep their own copies of documents and to bring them to the meeting.**

Note 5: Documents may be consulted in their original language through INTERNET: http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm

Note 6: A provisional timetable is reproduced on the next page. It is expected that the session could end on 9 July instead of 10 July.

Note 7: Documents ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/31, -/32 and -/38 which had been announced have not yet been received.

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (Fifteenth session)
Provisional Timetable

Monday 29 June		Tuesday 30 June		Wednesday 1 July		Thursday 2 July		Friday 3 July		Monday 6 July		Tuesday 7 July		Wednesday 8 July		Thursday 9 July		Friday 10 July	
am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
agenda item		agenda item		agenda item		agenda item		agenda item		agenda item		agenda item		agenda item		agenda item		agenda item	
1, 2(a), 2(b), 3(a)		3(a), 3 (b)		3(b), 4, 5(a)		5(a),	5(b), 5(c)	5(d)-(f), 2(a)		5(h), 6(a),	7(a), 7(b)	7(b), 5(g),	7(c) 7(d) 8	6(a),	6(b)	9			
WG on the transport of low critical temperature gases in tanks										WG on test 6 (c)									

LIST OF DOCUMENTS AND ANNOTATIONS

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/29	Provisional agenda

Background documents

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/26 and -/Add.1 to -/Add.3	Report on the thirteenth session
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28 and -/Add.1 and -/Add.2	Report on the fourteenth session

2. TANKS

(a) Provisions for gases with critical temperatures below 65 °C

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28/Add.2	(Report of the Working Group - December 1997)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/33	(United States of America)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/46	(EIGA)

(b) Other tank matters

Background documents

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/26/Add.1

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28, Annex 1

Documents to be discussed

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/88/Add.1 as amended by ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28, Annex 1	(United States of America)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/12	(Spain)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/40	(Belgium)

3. PACKAGINGS AND IBCs

(a) Packing instructions

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/19	(United States of America/United Kingdom)	(Packagings)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/21	(United States of America/United Kingdom)	IBCs
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/22	(United States of America/United Kingdom)	Assignment
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/23	(United States of America / United Kingdom)	(Use of removable head drums)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/41	(Belgium)	
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/42	(Belgium)	
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/45	(Australia)	

3. PACKAGINGS AND IBCs

(a) (cont'd)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/48	(Germany)	Comments
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/49	(Germany)	Comments
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/50	(Germany)	Rationalized approach
(b)	**Other packaging and IBCs matters**		
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/1	(United States of America)	N type packagings
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/43	(ICIBCA)	Editorial changes to chapter 6.5
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/52	(United Kingdom)	Revision of Chapter 4.1
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/53	(United Kingdom and United States of America)	Definition of liners
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/57	(Finland)	Plastics packagings
	Aerosols		
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/15	(FEA)	Alternatives to the water bath test

4. RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL (CLASS 7)

	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/44	(IAEA)	

5. MISCELLANEOUS DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

(a)	**Listing and classification**		
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/3	(United States of America)	Transport of samples
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/6	(United States of America)	Deletion of special provisions 38, 59, 62 and 65
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/13	(CEFIC)	UN 2531, Methacrylic acid, inhibited
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/24 ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/25	(United States of America, France, Germany)	Lithium batterics SP 188
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/63	(Germany)	Lithium batteries
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/83	(United States of America)	Lithium batteries
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/30	(United States of America)	Mixtures of gases (oxidizing)
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/34	(United States of America)	Special provision 283
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/35	(United States of America)	UN 2250
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/51	(Germany)	Copper sulphate
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/55	(Belgium)	Precedence of hazard
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/61	(Norway)	Ferrosilicon
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/72	(Germany)	Nitroglycerin mixutres (Class 3)

5. MISCELLANEOUS DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS (cont'd)

(b) Chapter 3.4 (Limited quantities)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/93	(CEPE)	
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/65	(AISE)	

(c) Chapters 5.2 and 5.3 (Marking, labelling, placarding)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/2	(United States of America)	Additional danger labels
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/4	(Australia)	Placarding of mixed loads
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/5	(Australia)	Alternative subsidiary risk label
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/16	(CEPE)	Labelling of small packagings and overpacks

(d) Chapter 5.4 (Documentation)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/7	(United States of America)	Forbiddance of interspersed additional information in basic shipping descriptions
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/54	(CEPE)	Documentation
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/20	(United Kingdom)	Documentation

(e) Miscellaneous

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/89	(United States of America)	Segregation
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/39	(Belgium)	Part 7
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/74	(Secretariat)	RID/ADR

(f) Infectious substances

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/8	(United States of America)	Absorbent packing material requirement
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/59	(Canada)	Diagnostic specimens

(g) Toxic by inhalation substances

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/26	(United States of America)	Consignment requirements
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/27	(United States of America)	Packaging requirements
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/28	(United States of America)	Portable tank requirements
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/29	(United States of America)	Definition and list

(h) Organic peroxides/Self-reactive substances

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/53 and -/Corr.1	(Japan)	Hazard communication
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/56	(Finland)	Peroxyacetic acid
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/75	(CEFIC)	Amendment to 2.4.2.3.2.4

5. MISCELLANEOUS DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

(h) (cont'd)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/76	(CEFIC)	Control temperature for carriage in tanks
	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/77	(CEFIC)	Amendments to 2.5.3.2.4 and P.I. 521 and 522

6. EXPLOSIVES (CLASS 1)

(a) Test 6 (c)

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/10	(Norway)	Report of the informal working group
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/36	(United States of America)	Aluminium screen
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/60	(France)	Comments
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/69	(Netherlands)	Comments on the report (Annex 1)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/70	(Netherlands)	Kinetic energy criteria
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/71	(Netherlands)	Indentation criteria

(b) Miscellaneous

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/9	(Norway)	Rockets with inert head
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/11	(Norway)	Part 7
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/18	(Norway, Sweden, UK)	Airbags
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/37	(United States of America)	Mixed loading
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/47	(Germany)	Koenen test
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/58	(Sweden)	Exclusion for Class 1
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/66	(Canada/Netherlands)	Additional test for 1.4 and 1.4S
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/67	(Canada)	Exclusion for Class 1
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/68	(Netherlands)	Hydrazinium nitroformate
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/73	(Germany)	1H-Tetrazole

7. GLOBAL HARMONIZATION OF SYSTEMS OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

(a) General

At the fourteenth session, the Sub-Committee was informed of the outcome of the 11th Consultation of the IOMC Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, and of the proposals which had been made for various options for developing a mechanism for the future implementation and up-dating of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28, paras. 143 to 158). The Sub-Committee will be informed of the outcome of the 12th Consultation of the IOMC Coordinating Group which will take place on 25 and 26 June 1998.

7. GLOBAL HARMONIZATION OF SYSTEMS OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS (cont'd)

(b) Health hazards and hazards to the environment

ST/SG/AC.10/R.473	(Germany)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.635	(United Kingdom)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.661	(Argentina)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.664	(United Kingdom)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.707	(Argentina)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.708	(United Kingdom)

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the outcome of various OECD meetings on classification criteria for health hazards, hazards to the environment and classification of mixtures.

(c) Physical hazards

The Joint United Nations/ILO Working Group on the Harmonization of the classification criteria for physical hazards completed its work at the last session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28/Add.3). It was not possible to reach a final conclusion for a final proposal for flammability criteria for aerosols. The Working Group invited the Sub-Committee to determine the way to follow to conclude the elaboration of a suitable test methodology and a proposal for aerosol flammability (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28/Add.3, para. 34). Therefore the following documents remain on the agenda:

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/27	(Chairman of the Working Group)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/R.764	(United Kingdom)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/37	(United Kingdom)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/43	(European Commission)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/80	(Norway)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1997/91	(FEA)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/62	(United States of America)
ST/SG/AC.10/R.509	(Germany)

In addition, the UN/ILO Working Group invited the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to consider how to deal with future work, i.e.:

- development of proposals concerning hazard communication for contribution to the work of the ILO Working Group on Hazard Communication;
- development of new tests or improvement of existing tests, as indicated in this report (proposals to be made to the Committee for the work programme in 1999/2000);
- consideration of comments;
- development/up-dating of the system pending formal implementation of the GHS.

7. GLOBAL HARMONIZATION OF SYSTEMS OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS (cont'd)

(d) Labelling

As announced at the last session, ILO has established a working group on the harmonization of labelling and hazard communication systems, and the first session of this group should take place in April or May 1998 to elaborate work plans. During the thirteenth session of the Sub-Committee, it was considered that if ILO intended to develop a system of labelling and hazard communication for the purposes of protection of consumers and workers, it would be wise to cooperate with the UN Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to ensure compatibility with the existing transport labelling and hazard communication systems, but if ILO intended to develop a fully harmonized system of labelling and hazard communication applicable to all types of regulations, it would be advisable to envisage the creation of a joint ILO/UN working group to make sure that transport safety considerations presently reflected by the transport labelling system are duly taken into account (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/26, para. 119). The Sub-Committee may wish to consider this question in the light of new developments.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Requests for consultative status

ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/14	(European Petroleum Industry Association) (EUROPIA)
ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/17	(International Technical Committee for the Prevention and Extinction of Fire) (CTIF)

Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the decisions adopted by the meeting (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/1998/64).

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with usual practice, the Sub-Committee will adopt the report on its fifteenth session on the basis of a text drafted by the Secretariat.